Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—I believe some extra staff has been sanctioned recently for Kolar District.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—What has happened to some tanks which have breached some decades ago ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—They are still there.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—Then, what is the Government doing all these years about these tanks ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—They will be taken up for repair and restoration.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—What about some of these tanks which have breached some decades back ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Perhaps they are no longer useful and therefore they are not taken up.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is about the damage caused by recent heavy rains in Kolar District and repairs undertaken with regard to breached tanks. It does not cover tanks which were breached long long ago.

Sri B. V. NARAYANA REDDY.—Sir, I would like to know whether it has come to the notice of Government that raiyats have been put to a lot of suffering since a long time and what they have done for redressing their difficulties.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I would like to point out to the Hon'ble Member that that question does not arise here. The Hon'ble Member may put a separate question.

Number of Breached and Restored Tanks in Malavalli Taluk.

Q.—106. Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY (Malavalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of breached tanks in Malavalli Taluk ;

(*b*) of them, the number that have been restored during the last five years ;

(*c*) the number of such tanks under their consideration for restoration ; their names ;

(*d*) the names of those tanks for which estimates are ready ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) 17.

(*b*) Nil.

(*c*) Only one, *i.e.*, Malavalli Tank.

(*d*) Estimate for only the Malavalli Tank is sanctioned.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know whether these 17 tanks were breached by the Government at heavy cost?

*Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Yes, as an anti-malaria measure, they were breached by the Government.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—May I know the approximate cost of breaching these tanks ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—I want notice.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Out of these 17 tanks, Government have taken exception regarding only one tank leaving apart 16 tanks. What is the reason ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—I have already answered it in connection with another question. The Health Department is averse to the restoration of these tanks. With regard to the Malavalli tank, there was insistent demand from the public and as an experimental measure, it is ordered to be restored. In the case of other tanks, Government will consider whether they could be taken up for restoration.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—Is it the opinion of Government that there is no demand from the public for the restoration of other tanks ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—It is not a question of demand. The demand is there. But, as I said, that is the opinion of the Health Department.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—May I know whether this opinion of the Health Department was formed before the discovery of D.D.T. and other insecticides ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Even after the discovery of D.D.T. the health authorities have opined that these tanks should not be restored near about villages.